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Livestream with civic leaders on virus

Have questions about the novel coronavirus? At 3 p.m. today, the San Antonio Express-News Editorial Board will livestream its meeting with Mayor Ron Nirenberg, Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff and Metro Health Director Dawn Emerick. Watch at **www.expressnews.com**. If you have questions you'd like the board to consider, email them to **letters@express-news.net**.

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CORONAVIRUS

Gatherings now limited to 50

San Antonio now has four cases; Alamo closed

By Joshua Fechter
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Texas and San Antonio officials took significantly stronger measures Monday to prevent a major outbreak of novel coronavirus – even closing the doors of the Alamo.

Mayor Ron Nirenberg put tighter restrictions on gatherings in the wake of a fourth travel-related coronavirus case in San Antonio, the latest a doctor at University Health System.

Gov. Greg Abbott said Texas would significantly ramp up its ability to test people for COVID-19 this week.

Also Monday, restaurants and department stores drastically cut their hours. And Regal movie theaters turned their projectors off indefinitely.

Nursing homes and long-term care facilities are prohibiting all visitors. Parents can no longer go inside day care centers.

Even churches, hospitals and grocery stores – exempt under Nirenberg's order – are severely limiting public access to avoid unnecessary risk of exposure to the virus.

On Monday afternoon, Alamo officials unexpectedly posted on Facebook that the Shrine of Texas Liberty would be closed "until further notice" – where hours earlier visitors huddled in long lines waiting to visit the historic site.

In continuing efforts to stave off panic, elected leaders touted new measures to get a better grip on how widespread the virus is and isn't. At a news conference in San Antonio, Abbott said he expects

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Tom Reel / Staff photographer

Mayor Ron Nirenberg, Gov. Greg Abbott and Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff speak at the city's Operations Center. Abbott said Texas will significantly ramp up its ability to test people for COVID-19 this week.

Coronavirus at a glance

182,405	4,661	86	7,155	86	1
Confirmed cases worldwide	Confirmed cases in U.S.	In Texas	Deaths worldwide	Deaths in U.S.	Death in Texas

134 evacuees now at Lackland. | Source: WHO, CDC, Johns Hopkins University

Kin Man Hui / Staff photographer

Medical personnel talk Monday with a person who arrived at the drive-up screening center in the South Texas Medical Center area for people who might be infected with the coronavirus.

Routines shaken, lives disrupted, San Antonio takes on new normal

By Silvia Foster-Frau and John MacCormack
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San Antonians awoke Monday to an unfamiliar city, one strangely hushed, anxious, restless and fearful.

In the King William neighborhood, the usual long line of cars heading toward the interstate was absent. No reason to go anywhere when most people were working from home.

At the Bexar County Courthouse, the dockets were short. At normally hopping breakfast joints, no wait for a table.

Across the city, service industry workers endured hours of boredom, barely a customer in sight. A girl played with her siblings and talked about her fears. And a little train kept going in circles, a sign of everydayness at an extraordinary moment in history.

In ways big and small, the coronavirus outbreak now permeates the city. Familiar living patterns are disrupted. "Social distancing" is the new unnatural norm. Hygiene is a compulsion.

At Panchito's Restaurant on McCullough, a popular meeting place for local politicos and where the $7.99 chilaquiles plate is a favorite, Monday morning arrived with a thud.

"Our weekend business was down 20 to 25 percent, and today, we had a very slow breakfast," said Frank Maldonado, a manager.

Mamie Ramirez, 80, one of the regulars, had stopped in with her friend, Juan Muñoz, for chalupas.

"I've been coming here like 20 years, but I hadn't been out of my house since Thursday," Ramirez said.

By Monday, cabin fever had gotten

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For the latest updates, go to **ExpressNews.com/coronavirus**

Man in 90s is Texas' 1st death

By Julian Gill
STAFF WRITER

The first coronavirus-related death in Texas was reported late Monday in Matagorda County.

In a news release, the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center confirmed that a man in his late 90s died Sunday evening at Matagorda Regional Medical Center with "symptoms consistent with COVID-19."

Mitch Thames, a county spokesman, said the man, who was not named in the release, was tested while alive. The results came back positive Monday, he said.

The man was the second positive case in Matagorda County. The first case, announced Saturday, involved a woman in her 60s with no travel history outside Texas and was possibly linked to the second case, officials said.

She was admitted to the same hospital for "complications from pneumonia," officials said.

The Texas Department of State Health Services continues to investigate the woman's health history and travel.

There were 29 positive COVID-19 cases in the Houston region, excluding Matagorda County, as of late Monday.

Pathways differ to self-quarantine

By Bruce Selcraig
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Jerry Lara / Staff photographer

Joe Samuel, a graduate music student at UTSA, went into a two-week voluntary quarantine.

A graduate music student at UTSA saw plans for a life-changing study abroad trip to Italy stopped by school officials.

A grandmother from Puerto Rico with various autoimmune disorders is staying at home, focusing on her beloved home cooking.

A private investigator couldn't afford a $380 doctor visit and so forced herself to work at home while suffering through a week-long undiagnosed respiratory funk.

The roads to self-quarantine in San Antonio are as varied as the people who have chosen to limit their exposure to the outside world and lessen their chance of infection and infecting others.

None of those interviewed over the past week has been officially diagnosed with COVID-19. But they, like members of Congress, titans of industry and anxiety-ridden hourly workers, are in the growing stream of Americans who are staying home, out of caution or mandate, as the pandemic widens.

Clarinetist and composer Joe Samuel, 45, married and with three kids, was in Urbino, Italy, in late February when he got word from the University of Texas at San Antonio that his three-month trip to study at the Rossini Conservatory of Mu-

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